

350—5.5 (469) Criteria for review. In reviewing applications, the office shall consider the following:

5.5(1) *Promotion of energy efficiency or renewable generation.* The office shall consider the project's potential promotion of residential or small-scale renewable energy systems and the project's ability to reduce energy consumption, energy units, or dollars spent on energy.

5.5(2) *Collaboration.* The office shall consider the following:

a. Whether the project establishes or supports a community-based, county-based or regional energy efficiency project or program.

b. The breadth and depth of community, county or regional involvement in the energy efficiency project or program.

c. The involvement of local schools, civic organizations, chambers of commerce, and private groups.

d. The project's support of any existing or proposed ordinances encouraging energy efficiency and conservation or energy efficient building code provisions and enforcement.

e. The project's efforts to secure local funding for the community-based, county-based or regional energy efficiency project or program or for a funding sustainability plan.

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